



# ***STIC Search Report***

***EIC 2100***

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**TO: Nathan Hillery  
Location: 3C19  
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Friday, January 09, 2004**

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## **Search Notes**

Dear Examiner Hillery,

Attached please find your search results for above-referenced case.  
Please contact me if you have any questions or would like a re-focused search.

David



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generating an abstract link (e.s. hyperlink)  
btw two documents using a Horn clause  
predicate expression; backtrack evaluation  
and calculation to bind a variable; and  
an atom predicate. These are used in  
Prolog. Claims 1-4

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**A FOLDER ORGANIZATION MODEL FOR OFFICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS: EXPLORING ITS  
ARCHITECTURAL EXPRESSIVE POWER AND PREDICATE-BASED FILING (MODEL  
TRANSFORMATION)**

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This dissertation presents an Internal Folder Organization (I-ORG) which supplements the architectural deficiencies of the existing model--the User Folder Organization (U-ORG), to electronically model a person's filing system in the modern office environment. An I-ORG folder organization gives a logical representation of how documents of the same or different kinds are related and grouped into folders based on predefined premises. Our model is represented by a Rooted Direct Acyclic Graph (RDAG). Each node in the graph represents a folder; and folders are related by "subfolder relationship" (for capturing the "and" relation) and "virtual-folder relationship" (for capturing the "or" relation). Each folder in the organization has a criterion, specifying in terms of a local predicate, which governs the document filing for that folder. The dissertation also investigates how the new model demonstrates its architectural support in the four functional areas: (1) Construction - It reduces the complexity of predicate specifications; (2) Filing - It improves the performance of document distribution; (3) Retrieving - It facilitates system responsiveness to queries, especially for the documents which are frequently requested by the user; and (4) Reorganization - It reduces the volume of documents to be redistributed when the folder organization is modified. The justifications of our model in possession of critical architectural attributes to support the above functions efficiently and effectively are presented throughout this dissertation, which lead us to draw an initial conclusion--our proposed model is architecturally superior over the other representative models.

In comparison with the I-ORG, which is operational more efficient, the U-ORG has its simplicity because it maintains only a single type of **link**. Therefore, the implementation of the system can have two models which represent the folder organization at two different levels: the user interface level (or the external representation using U-ORG), and the system execution level (or the internal representation using I-ORG). Interoperabilities between the two models needs to be well-coordinated and kept transparent to the user while the system optimizes its performance by utilizing the architectural strength from both models.

The dissertation also investigates the transformation between the two models and proposes a step-locked reduction algorithm to accomplish that task. This transformation capability provides to the user more flexibilities to specify predicates when his folder organization is created and represented by an U-ORG. This U-ORG is transformed and fine-tuned into a content-equivalent folder organization represented by an I-ORG, which optimizes the overall predicate structure to help improve the functional performance. In such a final representation, each folder in the organization only associates with a single **atomic predicate**.

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**AN INTELLIGENT PATH MECHANISM IN HYPERTEXT : INFORMATION FILTERING USING  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN A COOPERATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING ENVIRONMENT**

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In recent years researchers have begun experimenting with coupling executable code with **hypertext** to transform what was once considered a basically passive medium into an active one. The cooperative problem solving application described in this paper performs two functions. The first is algorithmic problem solving; the second provides online **reference** material on demand during a problem solving session. The algorithmic problem solver was implemented using an intelligent path embedded in a **hypertext** document. The path itself represented the basic design algorithm of the application domain; procedures attached to the path nodes complete the problem solving function.

Online domain specific **reference** material is available at any point during a problem solving session to provide assistance to the user. If the **reference** material is used during a problem solving session, a filtering mechanism is available to control navigational access in the **hypertext** document. Filtering has the effect of pruning the search space available for browsing thereby focusing the user on material that is pertinent to the task at hand.

**Hypertext** systems have been described as consisting of three components: file access, **hypertext** representation, and user interface. The research reported in this paper describes the use of a fourth component which applies **predicates** to node and **link** attributes to produce indices for the purpose of achieving information filtering as means of managing navigational access in a **hypertext** network.

Both the intelligent path mechanism and the information filtering mechanism are described in this paper.

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5045168 INSPEC Abstract Number: C9510-7250-007

**Title: Modelling hypermedia retrieval in Datalog**

Author(s): Fuhr, N.

Author Affiliation: Dortmund Univ., Germany

Conference Title: Hypertext - Information Retrieval - Multimedia.

Proceedings HIM '95 p.163-74

Editor(s): Kuhlen, R.; Rittberger, M.

Publisher: Universitätsverlag Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany

Publication Date: 1995 Country of Publication: West Germany 337 pp.

ISBN: 3 87940 509 3

Conference Title: Hypertext - Information Retrieval - Multimedia

Conference Date: 5-7 April 1995 Conference Location: Konstanz, Germany

Language: English Document Type: Conference Paper (PA)

Treatment: Theoretical (T)

Abstract: We take a logical approach to information retrieval in order to identify and describe new concepts required for performing hypermedia retrieval. For this purpose, we consider **hypertext linking** of nodes, hierarchical structure of documents and document type hierarchies. These concepts are described in Datalog, a horn logic without functions. Furthermore, we discuss terminological inference and propose a new approach for its application in retrieval, for which we also describe the mapping into Datalog formulas. It turns out that this logic is able to express most of the concepts, but that a higher-level language would be more appropriate for hypermedia retrieval. (12 Refs)

Subfile: C

Descriptors: DATALOG; **Horn clauses** ; hypermedia; information retrieval ; multimedia computing

Identifiers: hypermedia retrieval modelling; Datalog; information retrieval; **hypertext node linking** ; hierarchical document structure; document type hierarchies; horn logic; terminological inference; Datalog formulas

Class Codes: C7250 (Information storage and retrieval); C6130M (Multimedia); C4210 (Formal logic)

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DIALOG(R) File 2:INSPEC

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4462899 INSPEC Abstract Number: C9309-6160S-015

**Title: Logic and writing: experiments on the logical structuring of hypertext documents**

Author(s): O'Brian Holt, P.; Howell, G.; Gjengedal, J.

Author Affiliation: Scottish HCI Centre, Heriot-Watt Univ., Edinburgh, UK

Conference Title: Proceedings of the Fourth Annual Conference on Computers and the Writing Process p.190-7

Publisher: Univ. Sussex, Brighton, UK

Publication Date: 1991 Country of Publication: UK v+247 pp.

Conference Date: 22-23 March 1991 Conference Location: Brighton, UK

Language: English Document Type: Conference Paper (PA)

Treatment: Practical (P); Experimental (X)

Abstract: An experiment attempting to analyse **hypertextual** semantic **linkings** is conducted. Participants are asked to describe logical relationships between related, semirelated and unrelated paragraphs of text. It is concluded that existence and 'themes' of relationships are (as expected) fairly consistently recognised, however specific relationships do not readily fall into 'natural' **predicates**. Purely 'thematic' relationships, or a 'palette' of available relationships might be the more practical approach. (10 Refs)

Subfile: C

Descriptors: hypermedia; linguistics; word processing

Identifiers: document structuring; word processing; **hypertextual** semantic **linkings**

Class Codes: C6160S (Spatial and pictorial databases); C7820 (Humanities

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DIALOG(R) File 2:INSPEC  
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04076903 INSPEC Abstract Number: C9203-6140D-007

**Title:** A logical query language for hypertext systems

**Author(s):** Beerli, C.; Kornatzky, Y.

**Author Affiliation:** Dept. of Comput. Sci., Hebrew Univ., Jerusalem, Israel

**Conference Title:** Hypertext: Concepts, Systems and Applications. Proceedings of the First European Conference on Hypertext p.67-80

**Editor(s):** Streitz, N.; Rizk, A.; Andre, J.

**Publisher:** Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK

**Publication Date:** 1990 **Country of Publication:** UK x+373 pp.

**ISBN:** 0 521 40517 3

**Conference Date:** 27-30 Nov. 1990 **Conference Location:** Versailles, France

**Language:** English **Document Type:** Conference Paper (PA)

**Treatment:** Practical (P); Theoretical (T)

**Abstract:** The search capabilities of **hypertext** systems are limited to retrieving collections of nodes and **links** based on **predicates** on their attributes contents. To support sophisticated applications and user-tailored views of a **hypertext** document, we need a query language able to retrieve parts of a **hypertext** based on a specification of their structure. The authors present a logical query language permitting the formulation of such structural queries over **hypertext**. While the language is propositional, it includes a general notion of quantifier of the form appropriate for **hypertext** networks. Quantifiers are used for expressing formulas of the form.: 'For most paths from the current node, claim X holds'. In particular, most quantified assertions in natural language are directly represented in the logic. Formulas in the language are used for a declarative definition of sophisticated user-tailored views of a **hypertext** document. (14 Refs)

**Subfile:** C

**Descriptors:** directed graphs; formal logic; hypermedia; natural languages ; query languages

**Identifiers:** information retrieval; directed graphs; search capabilities; **hypertext** systems; nodes; **links** ; **predicates** ; logical query language; structural queries; general notion of quantifier; natural language

**Class Codes:** C6140D (High level languages); C6160Z (Other DBMS); C7250 (Information storage and retrieval); C4210 (Formal logic)

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DIALOG(R)File 2:INSPEC

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02597404 INSPEC Abstract Number: C86011592

**Title: Required features of the artificial intelligence sensors**

Author(s): Masnikosa, V.P.

Author Affiliation: Mihailo Pupin Inst., Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Journal: Automatika vol.26, no.3-4 p.167-70

Publication Date: 1985 Country of Publication: Yugoslavia

CODEN: ATKAAF ISSN: 0005-1144

Language: English Document Type: Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: Theoretical (T)

**Abstract:** The place and role of the artificial intelligence sensors for the artificial intelligence (AI) based upon the **abstract linking** space (ALS) are considered. The need for establishing a solid contact of the ALS with the object during the learning process, through which the requests for the realization of the sensors are manifested, is described. Taking the studies of natural accomplishments as the basis, some limitations are presented in respect to the decomposition of the action upon the sensor contact surface, its intensity, and the need for forecasting the movement of the sensors. In addition to the requirements mentioned, the technical realization of the sensors is given. The possibility for designing such sensors is considered. (13 Refs)

Subfile: C

Descriptors: artificial intelligence; learning systems

Identifiers: **abstract linking** space; movement forecasting; neurocybernetics; artificial intelligence sensors; learning; limitations; sensor contact surface; intensity; technical realization

Class Codes: C1230 (Artificial intelligence)

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02773492 JICST ACCESSION NUMBER: 96A0736605 FILE SEGMENT: JICST-E  
**An Application Interface for Page Image Document Databases based on the  
Entity-Relationship model.**

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(1) Nat. Center for Sci. Inf. Syst.

Denshi Joho Tsushin Gakkai Gijutsu Kenkyu Hokoku(IEIC Technical Report  
(Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Enginners),  
1996, VOL.96,NO.176(DE96 24-53), PAGE.159-164, FIG.4, REF.6

JOURNAL NUMBER: S0532BBG

UNIVERSAL DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION: 681.3:061.68 681.51:007.51

LANGUAGE: Japanese COUNTRY OF PUBLICATION: Japan

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal

ARTICLE TYPE: Original paper

MEDIA TYPE: Printed Publication

ABSTRACT: Recently, the combination of a page image document database and a  
**WWW** user interface is widely used for digital libraries. Basically,  
such system can be constructed by writing all required **HTML**  
documents. However, it is necessary to generate them dynamically for  
flexible implementation. There are two problems for generating **HTML**  
documents: how to identify document components and how to retrieve  
**hyperlink** information from a database. To solve these problems, we  
applied the entity-relationship model to the application interface of a  
page image document database. By employing the first-order **predicate**  
logic, we simplifies notations of queries and derivation rules, and  
achieves an application interface having declarative semantics. (author  
abst.)

DESCRIPTORS: database; user interface; document management; **predicative**  
logic; library service; entity relation model; image; library; document  
image; image database; electronic library

BROADER DESCRIPTORS: interface; documentation; information management;  
management; logic; information service; service; data model; model

CLASSIFICATION CODE(S): JD03030U; IB03000G

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03029345 Genuine Article#: MX061 Number of References: 37  
**Title: A LOGICAL QUERY LANGUAGE FOR HYPERMEDIA SYSTEMS**  
Author(s): BEERI C; KORNATZKY Y  
Corporate Source: HEBREW UNIV JERUSALEM, DEPT COMP SCI/IL-91904  
JERUSALEM//ISRAEL/; BEN GURION UNIV NEGEV, DEPT MATH & COMP SCI/IL-84105  
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Journal: INFORMATION SCIENCES, 1994, V77, N1-2 (MAR), P1-37  
ISSN: 0020-0255  
Language: ENGLISH Document Type: ARTICLE  
Geographic Location: ISRAEL  
Subfile: SciSearch; CC ENGI--Current Contents, Engineering, Technology &  
Applied Sciences

Journal Subject Category: COMPUTER SCIENCE, INFORMATION SYSTEMS

**Abstract:** Hypermedia systems store interlinked collections of information of various media such as text, image, voice, and animation. Such interlinked collections of information, called hyperdocuments, generalize conventional paper documents by directly representing the conceptual structure of the information, a graph whose nodes represent information chunks, and whose **links** represent the organizational structure of the information. The search capabilities of current hypermedia systems are limited to retrieving individual nodes and **links** based on **predicates** on their local attributes and contents. To support sophisticated applications and user-tailored views of a hyperdocument, we need a query language able to retrieve parts of a hyperdocument based on a specification of their structure. We present a logical query language permitting the formulation of such structural queries over hyperdocuments. The language is based on propositional modal logic, and admits a simple and efficient implementation over available hypermedia storage systems. While the language is propositional, it includes a general notion of quantifier of the form appropriate for hyperdocument graphs; quantifiers are used for expressing assertions of the form: 'For most paths from the current node, claim X holds.'

Identifiers--KeyWords Plus: TEMPORAL LOGIC; **HYPERTEXT**

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LINEAR RECURSIVE QUERIES IN DEDUCTIVE DATABASES; ARCHITECTURAL SUPPORT  
FOR GOAL MANAGEMENT)

92-2204 002 (HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION; **HYPERTEXT** SYSTEMS; TEXT  
RETRIEVAL MODELS; INFORMATION FILTERING METHODS)

92-2912 001 (OBJECT-ORIENTED DESIGN; SOFTWARE SYSTEMS; REAL-TIME  
PROPERTIES)

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S5	186348	HTML? OR MARKUP()LANGUAGE? OR XML OR HYPERTEXT? OR WWW OR - DOCUMENT? OR PAGE? OR WEBPAGE? OR WEBSITE?
S6	2	ATOM?()PREDICAT?
S7	201	S1 AND (S2 OR S6)
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DEVICE FOR DESCRIBING DOCUMENT LINK , DEVICE FOR GENERATING DOCUMENT  
LINK AND STORAGE MEDIUM

PUB. NO.: 2001-134606 [JP 2001134606 A]  
PUBLISHED: May 18, 2001 (20010518)  
INVENTOR(s): ODA TOSHIHIKO  
APPLICANT(s): RICOH CO LTD  
APPL. NO.: 11-317668 [JP 99317668]  
FILED: November 09, 1999 (19991109)  
INTL CLASS: G06F-017/30 ; G06F-012/00

#### ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To reduce work that describes a document link and to reduce the size of a document to be described.

SOLUTION: An abstract link description file is prepared so as to represent the document link by describing an abstract link in which a link establishment condition being a condition for deciding the document link that links the document file of a link source and the document file of a link destination by retrieving the document information of both the document files in the abstract link description file. The abstract link description file is also prepared so that the abstract link can describe the quality of document elements of the document files of the link source and destination on the basis of Horn clause predicate representation. The abstract link description file is further prepared so as to guide the document elements of the document files of the link source and destination from the backtrack calculation and the calculation performing variable restraint by retrieving the document information. The abstract link is described by using an atom predicate .

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PUBLISHED: January 19, 2001 (20010119)  
INVENTOR(s): OTAWA KIMIAKI  
APPLICANT(s): CHISHIKI SYSTEM KENKYUSHO KK  
APPL. NO.: 11-224379 [JP 99224379]  
FILED: July 01, 1999 (19990701)  
INTL CLASS: G06F-017/30 ; G06F-015/167 ; G06F-017/22

#### ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To store the basic knowledge and relative knowledge of technical terms on computers, to enable the computers to transfer or process the stored knowledge, and to optionally take out them for use.

SOLUTION: The basic knowledge and relative knowledge of technical terms represented by a one-story **predicate** logical expression are stored while classified into three kinds of finite concept elements structured by use of a combination of a relative concept **link** and term nodes 2, 5, and 8. The basic knowledge of index words 1, 4, and 7 is stored in a star type concept element (a), the relative knowledge is stored in a tree type concept element (b), and associate knowledge is stored in a triangular concept element (c) respectively; when there is an inquiry about a specific index word, secondary derivative knowledge is created and provided in addition to the basic knowledge and relative knowledge in the original form. A **document** having no term limitation or a term of a knowledge base is replaced with a standard word, i.e., index word by means of a homonym standardizing function to improve the precision and the processing speed of knowledge processing.

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INTERFACE METHOD FOR PROLOG INTERPRETER COMPILER

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FILED: September 19, 1989 (19890919)  
INTL CLASS: [5] G06F-009/44  
JAPIO CLASS: 45.1 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Arithmetic Sequence Units)  
JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 1232, Vol. 15, No. 300, Pg. 75, July  
30, 1991 (19910730)

ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To improve the execution performance of a user **predicate** at the time of mixing and executing an interpreter code and a compiler code by directly informing an interface processing program, which controls mixing and execution of the interpreter code and the compiler code, of the presence or the absence of a **back track**.

CONSTITUTION: When a user inputs information 101 indicating the absence of a **back track** to a prolog language processing system 103 in some form by an input 102, the prolog language processing system 103 stores the absence of a **back track** in an interface flag 104. The interface flag 104 indicating the absence of a **back track** is provided in this manner, and the interface flag 104 is **referred** at the time of mixing and executing the interpreter code and the compiler code to skip the save processing of execution circumstances for **back track**. Thus, a user program is executed at the high speed.

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INFORMATION PROCESSOR

PUB. NO.: 63-156242 [JP 63156242 A]  
PUBLISHED: June 29, 1988 (19880629)  
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APPL. NO.: 61-303410 [JP 86303410]  
FILED: December 19, 1986 (19861219)  
INTL CLASS: [4] G06F-009/44 ; G06F-015/16 ; G06F-015/16  
JAPIO CLASS: 45.1 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Arithmetic Sequence Units);  
45.4 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Computer Applications)  
JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 783, Vol. 12, No. 422, Pg. 38,  
November 09, 1988 (19881109)

#### ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To improve the effect of parallel installation of processors and the efficiency of execution control by providing each element processor of a multiprocessor information processor with an associative memory for work information storage.

CONSTITUTION: In an element processor 1, a **back track** stack 8 and a **predicate** call stack 9 in a **predicate** processing part 6 and a bind information stack 13 in an argument processing part 7 consist of associative memories. Since work information is stored in the stack 13, only bind information to be transferred is retrieved in case of load distribution and only object bind information is transferred. Bind information is accessed in each element processor 1 and between element processors by associative access with two association keys of variable name and inference depth to reduce the overhead for **reference**. Thus, the effect of parallel installation of processors, and the execution control efficiency are improved.

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02299143 \*\*Image available\*\*  
LOGICAL LANGUAGE PROCESSOR

PUB. NO.: 62-216043 [JP 62216043 A]  
PUBLISHED: September 22, 1987 (19870922)  
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APPL. NO.: 61-058071 [JP 8658071]  
FILED: March 18, 1986 (19860318)  
INTL CLASS: [4] G06F-009/44 ; G06F-007/28  
JAPIO CLASS: 45.1 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Arithmetic Sequence Units);  
45.2 (INFORMATION PROCESSING -- Memory Units)  
JOURNAL: Section: P, Section No. 676, Vol. 12, No. 79, Pg. 23, March  
12, 1988 (19880312)

#### ABSTRACT

PURPOSE: To suppress the occurrence of a redundant **back track**, to secure the faster processing and to reduce the memory consumption in a **back track** system for a logical language processor, by producing a **predicate** identifying frame in place of a selection point when a **predicate** has no substitute answer to attain an operator with a label.

CONSTITUTION: When a **predicate** (p:-q, r.) is called out by a question node, a selection point frame 210 containing a **predicate** identifier p/o (o: number of arguments) is produced by a selection point program production means 110 since a **predicate** (p- has a substitute answer. While a **predicate** identifier frame 220 having a **predicate** identifier q/o is produced by a **predicate** identifier frame production means 140 since a **predicate** (q) has no substitute answer in case a **predicate** (q:-t, u.) is called out. Then a **predicate** (t) is called out and a selection point frame 220 is produced in the same way. Under such conditions, a goal (w) fails and therefore a **back track** action is carried out to obtain the next substitute answer of the (p) by a **back track** executing means 130 by using the **back track** information stored in the final frame 210 if traced back from a **link** register 170.

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015442196 \*\*Image available\*\*  
WPI Acc No: 2003-504338/200347  
XRPX Acc No: N03-400492

Document **requesting method**, involves receiving one document requested by request and storing it in local storage that is local to one computer, and attempting to service user request from the local storage

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Inventor: BELLARE K G; DESAI S; SCHIRESON M

Number of Countries: 096 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
US 20030088580	A1	20030508	US 200111073	A	20011107	200347 B
WO 200340886	A2	20030515	WO 2002US35574	A	20021106	200347

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 200111073 A 20011107

Patent Details:

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Abstract (Basic): US 20030088580 A1

NOVELTY - The method involves sending one request for one of the second **documents** referred by the identified **references** in a first **document**. The second **document** requested is received and stored in local storage of first computer. Service to a user request is done from the local storage and a third request is sent to the second computer for one of the second **documents**, which is not stored in the local storage.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for a computer configured to request **documents** from a computer over a computed network.

USE - Used for requesting **documents** to access a World Wide Web.

ADVANTAGE - The method improves the browsers by optimizing his or her navigation through web sites and efficiently delivers content to users. The method efficiently utilizes resources of the time and bandwidth.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The drawing shows aspects of a method of pre-emptive and **predicative page** catching according to **document** requesting method.

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Title Terms: **DOCUMENT**; REQUEST; METHOD; RECEIVE; ONE; **DOCUMENT**; REQUEST; REQUEST; STORAGE; LOCAL; STORAGE; LOCAL; ONE; COMPUTER; ATTEMPT; SERVICE; USER; REQUEST; LOCAL; STORAGE

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-000/00; G06F-017/00

International Patent Class (Additional): G06F-015/167

File Segment: EPI

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010849600 \*\*Image available\*\*  
WPI Acc No: 1996-346553/199635  
XRPX Acc No: N96-291845

Document reference appts. for e.g. word processor, office computer -  
has reference memory that stores extended contents to input sentence  
component based on analysis result, and reference unit which searches  
document based on reference conditions corresp. to extended contents

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Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
JP 8161354	A	19960621	JP 94306105	A	19941209	199635 B
JP 2970443	B2	19991102	JP 94306105	A	19941209	199951

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 94306105 A 19941209

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
JP 8161354	A		17	G06F-017/30	
JP 2970443	B2		17	G06F-017/30	Previous Publ. patent JP 8161354

Abstract (Basic): JP 8161354 A

The appts. has a language processor (13) which receives the analysis result showing the component and the syntax pattern of an input sentence from a user. An extended rule memory (16) stores the extended rule of the input sentence component and the syntax pattern. A **reference** memory (15) stores the extended rule contents to each input sentence component based on the analysis result.

An extended unit (14) receives the extended contents, and a **reference** condition generation unit (17) forms the **reference** conditions corresp. to the extended contents. A **reference** unit (18) searches a **document** according to the **reference** conditions.

USE/ADVANTAGE - For e.g. electronic mail, electronic catalogue and electronic publication. Easily corresponds to syntax positioning in input sentence of component e.g. purpose rank, place rank, main units and **predicate**. Increases **reference** precision and efficiency due to extended **reference** conditions.

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Title Terms: **DOCUMENT** ; **REFERENCE** ; APPARATUS; WORD; PROCESSOR; OFFICE; COMPUTER; **REFERENCE** ; MEMORY; STORAGE; EXTEND; CONTENT; INPUT; SENTENCE; COMPONENT; BASED; ANALYSE; RESULT; **REFERENCE** ; UNIT; SEARCH; **DOCUMENT** ; BASED; **REFERENCE** ; CONDITION; CORRESPOND; EXTEND; CONTENT

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): G06F-017/30

International Patent Class (Additional): G06F-017/21

File Segment: EPI

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WPI Acc No: 1992-407688/199250  
XRPX Acc No: N92-310992

**Data-flow dependency back - tracking method for expert reasoning system  
- constituting virtual machine operated by host computer processor and  
solving problems input by interpreting stored logic programs by Proof  
Procedure**

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Inventor: HAVENS W S  
Number of Countries: 001 Number of Patents: 001  
Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
CA 2063974	A	19920926	CA 2063974	A	19920325	199250 B

Priority Applications (No Type Date): US 91675538 A 19910325

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
CA 2063974	A		50	G06F-015/18	

Abstract (Basic): CA 2063974 A

The method involves refining the domain of possible values of a logical variable within a predefined set of hypothetical logical constraints and involves propagating an Event. The Event consists of a pair, a Binding and a Label. The term 'binding' **refers** to the domain or set of possible values that a variable could equal to be 'bound' to. A new binding represents the new domain of a variable after some change has occurred in the old domain or the old binding of the variable.

A Label is the set of rules of **Horn Clause** choices that caused the new binding to occur. The new binding is used during the Proof Procedure and the Label is used during Intelligent **Back - tracking**. The Invention is a component of the Dataflow Dependency **Backtracking Mechanism** ('DDBM'), which is an expert system reasoning engine (Havens91a). The DDBM exists in software form and is realised in the programming language of the Echidna Constraint Logic Programming (CLP) system.

USE/ADVANTAGE - E.g. for CAD system, real-time process control and knowledge-based diagnosis. Combines technologies of logic programming, constraint reasoning and intelligent **back - tracking**. Resets status of all Horn Clause choices upon any failure, and restores failed clauses which may succeed with different parameter or constraints.

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Title Terms: DATA; FLOW; DEPEND; BACK; TRACK; METHOD; EXPERT; SYSTEM;  
CONSTITUTE; VIRTUAL; MACHINE; OPERATE; HOST; COMPUTER; PROCESSOR; SOLVING  
; PROBLEM; INPUT; INTERPRETATION; STORAGE; LOGIC; PROGRAM; PROOF;  
PROCEDURE

Derwent Class: T01

International Patent Class (Main): **G06F-015/18**

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S3	311509	BACKTRACK? OR BACK()TRACK? OR REVERSE?
S4	2	ATOM?()PREDICAT?
S5	10397	HTML? OR MARKUP()LANGUAGE? OR XML OR HYPERTEXT? OR WWW OR -
S6	6	ABSTRACT()LINK?
S7	2	S6 AND (S2 OR S3)
S8	0	S5 AND S6
S9	4	S6 NOT S7
S10	4	IDPAT (sorted in duplicate/non-duplicate order)
S11	3	IDPAT (primary/non-duplicate records only)

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WPI Acc No: 2003-382345/200336  
XRPX Acc No: N03-305459

**Control system for an agricultural operation for environmental control  
has control computer that manages sensor data and affects the state of  
the hardware devices**

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Number of Countries: 101 Number of Patents: 001  
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Designated States (Regional): AT BE BG CH CY CZ DE DK EA EE ES FI FR GB  
GH GM GR IE IT KE LS LU MC MW MZ NL OA PT SD SE SK SL SZ TR TZ UG ZM ZW

Abstract (Basic): WO 200338531 A1

NOVELTY - The system includes control-related elements, including one or more sensors that may sense one or more environmental conditions, and one or more devices that may effect the environmental conditions. Optionally one or more variables and the control-related elements are collectively referred to as linkable entities. A control computer manages sensor data and affects the state of the hardware devices. Machine executable programs of instructions include a control process that provides for **abstract linkages** and relationships to be implemented among the linkable entities.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

- (a) a method for controlling an agricultural operation;
- (b) an article of manufacture embodying a program of instruction executable by a machine.

USE - For environmental control system.

ADVANTAGE - Provides hardware and software package that controls environmental and other conditions such as those in greenhouses.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows a GUI that shows a sensors dialog box.

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Title Terms: CONTROL; SYSTEM; AGRICULTURE; OPERATE; ENVIRONMENT; CONTROL;  
CONTROL; COMPUTER; MANAGE; SENSE; DATA; AFFECT; STATE; HARDWARE; DEVICE  
Derwent Class: T01; T06; W01; W05  
International Patent Class (Main): G05B-011/01  
File Segment: EPI

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WPI Acc No: 2001-627766/200173  
XRPX Acc No: N01-468097

**Route selection optimizing method in asynchronous transfer mode  
communication system, involves aggregating multiple parallel links  
between branch points having best topology parameters, into abstract  
link**



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Inventor: OESTER G; ZEYU SONG J; OSTER G; SONG J Z

Number of Countries: 026 Number of Patents: 002

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
EP 1135000	A1	20010919	EP 2000105723	A	20000317	200173 B
US 20010030962	A1	20011018	US 2001808134	A	20010315	200173

Priority Applications (No Type Date): EP 2000105723 A 20000317

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US 20010030962	A1			H04L-012/28	
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Abstract (Basic): EP 1135000 A1

NOVELTY - A link having most favorable topology metric value (TM) and a link having most favorable topology attribute value (TA) are selected from a set of parallel links (L1-L3) between two branch points (B,E). The selected links are aggregated to form an **abstract link** (SUPER) between that branch points. The **abstract link** is represented by the best TA and TM.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for route selection optimizing arrangement in communication system.

USE - For optimizing the route selection in an asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) communication system.

ADVANTAGE - A route selection is optimized for communication system having multiple parallel links between two branch points within the route, by using an **abstract link** between the two branch points, having best topology parameters.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the block diagram of an ATM based communication system having single links in between and nodes with multiple parallel links in between.

Branch points (B,E)

Parallel links (L1-L3)

**Abstract link** (SUPER)

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Title Terms: ROUTE; SELECT; METHOD; ASYNCHRONOUS; TRANSFER; MODE;

COMMUNICATE; SYSTEM; AGGREGATE; MULTIPLE; PARALLEL; LINK; BRANCH; POINT;

TOPOLOGICAL; PARAMETER; ABSTRACT; LINK

Derwent Class: W01

International Patent Class (Main): H04L-012/28; H04Q-011/04

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XRPX Acc No: N97-142163

**Routing system using physical and logical links for ATM communication in network - in which abstract link state is made to be in accordance with link topology which configures network, by distributing abstract link state information to all switches**

Patent Assignee: NEC CORP (NIDE )

Inventor: IWATA A

Number of Countries: 003 Number of Patents: 004

Patent Family:

Patent No	Kind	Date	Applicat No	Kind	Date	Week
JP 9036873	A	19970207	JP 95182320	A	19950719	199716 B
CA 2181425	A	19970120	CA 2181425	A	19960717	199721
US 5687168	A	19971111	US 96680678	A	19960716	199751
CA 2181425	C	20020430	CA 2181425	A	19960717	200237

Priority Applications (No Type Date): JP 95182320 A 19950719

Patent Details:

Patent No	Kind	Lan	Pg	Main IPC	Filing Notes
JP 9036873	A		13	H04L-012/28	
CA 2181425	A			H04L-012/56	
US 5687168	A		14	H04L-012/28	
CA 2181425	C	E		H04L-012/56	

Abstract (Basic): JP 9036873 A

The system includes a protocol unit to switch with which, each link (62) connecting adjacent switches, is connected. a link abstraction part (67) establishes an **abstract link**, packing those links connected to the same switch into single virtual link. The information relating to the link state is synthesised and the **abstract link** state is identified.

The **abstract link** state is made to be in accordance with the link topology already existing in the network, by distributing **abstract link** state information to all switches in the network. thus, several link states come to be represented as **abstract links**.

ADVANTAGE - Reduces information content to be distributed. Shortens distribution time. Facilitates reliable information distribution.

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Title Terms: ROUTE; SYSTEM; PHYSICAL; LOGIC; LINK; ATM; COMMUNICATE; NETWORK; ABSTRACT; LINK; STATE; MADE; ACCORD; LINK; TOPOLOGICAL; CONFIGURATION; NETWORK; DISTRIBUTE; ABSTRACT; LINK; STATE; INFORMATION; SWITCH

Derwent Class: W01

International Patent Class (Main): H04L-012/28; H04L-012/56

International Patent Class (Additional): H04Q-003/00

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